

ENERGY & AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

September 26, 2000

Members Present:

John Ray (Chair)
Bernie Bordenick
Stan Doore
Neal Goldenberg
Jeff Komarow
Milt Minneman
Susan Mitchell
Frank Stodolsky
Matt Van Patten
Charlie Wilkes

Members Absent:

Morris Altschuler
Bob Brown
Doug Canter
Mary Fowler
Ed Ohanian

Staff:

Ann Elsen

The Chair, John Ray, called the September 26, 2000 EAQAC meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Lobby Level Conference Room of the Executive Office Building in Rockville.

The meeting summary for the August meeting was approved with revisions.

The Committee discussed the upcoming meeting with the County Executive. Each subcommittee presented a summary of key points to address. Subcommittee chairs will refine the reports, and develop goals and objectives for the coming year. These will be reviewed at the October 24 meeting.

Transportation:

The Transportation Subcommittee presented a draft report. The full Committee discussed potential recommendations for alternative fueled vehicles, and the bus fleet in particular. The chair of the Transportation Subcommittee will work with subcommittee members to polish the recommendations. The subcommittee will also identify County agencies and contacts that will be involved in implementation. Efforts will be made to support viable transportation projects being pursued by County agencies.

Strategic Planning:

The Strategic Planning Subcommittee discussed the County Energy Policy and the Cities for Climate Protection campaign. Concern was voiced regarding committing the County to long range goals that might involve considerable expenditures. After discussion, a loose consensus was reached that while the goals are ambitious, they are well worth pursuing, and EAQAC's role in supporting these goals does not override other budgetary priorities for the County.

The Cities for Climate Protection campaign may lead to an improved set of environmental performance indicators for the County.

Web Site:

The Web Site Subcommittee will continue to monitor electric utility deregulation and post new information as is needed. The success of the web site as a consumer education tool will be emphasized in the meeting with the County Executive. EAQAC correspondence will be added to the site.

Science Fair:

The Science Fair Subcommittee will look further into obtaining parental permission to post the winner's name and photo on the web site, and will begin arrangements to have the winner attend EAQAC's meeting with the County Executive.

Energy:

The Energy Subcommittee has been actively organizing members to work on the report to the County Executive, and on goals for the coming year. The subcommittee will review Chapter 18-A of the County Code to reassess EAQAC's mission and determine if any revisions to the Chapter are needed. The subcommittee will continue to monitor developments in the restructuring of the electric utility industry, and track progress on the County's procurement of electric supply.

Air Quality and Health:

The Air Quality and Health Subcommittee will continue to review revisions to Chapter 3 of the County Code. Mary Richmond provided members with copies of the current draft. The subcommittee expressed interest in insuring that the indoor air quality concerns in schools are addressed. The subcommittee will review the current draft and suggest additional language if needed.

Due to time constraints, EAQAC did not break up into subcommittees at the September meeting. Attempts will be made to allow time for this at the October meeting.

The chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.